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RAY ZOOK/TOM DECAIR WHITE HOUSE FROM ELOURNE

STATE PASS WHITE HOUSE PARKER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (RICHARD NIXON)

SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

1. ALL FILM CREWS SHOULD BE ON FIRST PLANE PER JORDAN.

2. NET PRODUCERS AGREE BOTH PRESS PLANES TO FLY AHEAD
OF AF 1 - IMPERATIVE FOR AF 1 CAMERA PER NETS.

3. ALL NET PERSONNEL ON FIRST PLANE EXCEPT RADIO PERSONNEL,
I.E. ENGINEER, CORRESPONDENT AND PRODUCER EACH NET WHO
WOULD TRAVEL ON SECOND PLANE.

4. JORDAN, SIEGENTHALER, KELLY, LOCKHART ON 1ST
PLANE AND REQUEST ELOURNE'S HOTEL ALL STOPS.

5. RECAP OF PRESS HOTELS: (A) SALZBURG - WINCKLER,
PITTER (B) CAIRO, NILE HILTON (C) JIDDA - KANDARA PALACE
(D) DAMASCUS - SEMIRAMIS. ALL HOTELS WILL ACCOMMODATE
ENTIRE PRESS PARTY OF 200, EXCEPT DAMASCUS. AIRCRAFT
CREWS MAY HAVE TO STAY AT AIRPORT HOTEL. WILL ADVISE.

6. MAGAZINES SHOULD MAKE COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO
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GET FILM BACK TO WASHINGTON. HAVE NO COURIER FLIGHTS

BACK TO U.S.

7. AM REQUESTING ROPED PRESS AREAS WHEREVER POSSIBLE.
HOWEVER NOT CUSTOM IN SOME COUNTRIES. AGENTS ATTEMPTING
TO WORK OUT. FILM POOLING IS PROBLEM, BUT TRYING TO KEEP
POOLS TO MINIMUM NUMBER AND STILL EFFECT PROPER
COVERAGE.

8. PRESS AND STAFF SHARE HOTEL IN CAIRO, NOT IN JIDDA
OR DAMASCUS.

9. CONFIRM SATELITE FEED FROM CAIRO, ALL PREVIOUS
COURIER PLANS WILL HAVE TO BE REARRANGED WITH
NETS. NETS NOW HAVING TROUBLE WITH COMMERCIAL CHARTER,
BG LAWSON WILL HELP WHERE NEEDED.

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